



SIUSLAW NATIONAL FOREST **PROJECT UPDATE**

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This is the quarterly edition of Project Update notifying you of Siuslaw National Forest proposed actions for which there is an opportunity for your involvement. The list contains both proposed actions and actions for which the analysis process is already underway. This update is provided to give you an overview of proposed actions on the Siuslaw National Forest in the event you would like to comment. Detailed descriptions of proposed actions can be obtained by notifying the "contact person" associated with a given project. In some cases, mailing lists have already been established for an action or category of actions. If you are already on a mailing list, you will be notified of scoping periods for those proposed actions. If you would like to be on a mailing list, notify the contact person by mail or phone.

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Proposed actions are grouped by category (Recreation, Special Use Permits, Forestry, Fish and Wildlife, Land Exchanges, Watershed Analysis, Roads and Plan Amendments), and within each category in alphabetical order by Ranger District. The information provided for each action includes name, Ranger District, legal description of location, a brief description of the proposed action, and three dates: scoping, decision, and implementation. These projected or actual dates will be updated in subsequent quarterly reports.

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FISH & WILDLIFE

Bailey Ck. Stream Restoration

Mapleton Ranger District

T17S, R11W, S18, 19, 30

Improve fish habitat and early seral habitat in Enchanted Valley portion of Bailey Creek.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Completed

Implementation: Beginning Summer 1999

Contact: Bob Metzger, 750-7055

Post-Flood Fish Structure Repair

Mapleton Ranger District

District-wide

Installation, maintenance and repair of District fish structures following flood of 1996.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Completed

Implementation: Summer 1999-2000

Contact: Paul Burns, 902-6953

Condon Creek Cost Share - Fish Structures

Mapleton Ranger District

T17S, R11W, S14

Install large wood to improve stream function.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Spring 1999

Implementation: Late summer 1999

Contact: Paul Burns, 902-6953

North Fork Smith Heli Placement Project- Fish Structures and Salvage

Mapleton Ranger District

T19S, R10W, S32, S33

Install large wood to improve stream function-helicopter placement of large down trees in the North Fork Smith River and helicopter salvage of down trees.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Spring 1999

Implementation: Late summer 1999

Contact: Paul Burns, 902-6953

Upper Bailey Creek Restoration

Mapleton Ranger District

T17S, R11W, S18

Removal of alder and salmonberry and plant with native forbs and grasses.

Scoping: Spring 1999

Decision: Spring 1999

Implementation: Summer 1999

Contact: Dan Karnes, 902-6950

Snowy Plover/Pink Sand Verbena Habitat Enhancement

Mapleton Ranger District

T17S, R12W, S33

Management of European beachgrass to maintain and improve habitat for snowy plover nesting and pink sand verbena in the Sutton Creek area.

Scoping: Ongoing

Decision: Fall 1999

Implementation: Summer 2000

Contact: Dan Segotta, 902-6981

Horsfall Wetlands Enhancement Addition

Oregon Dunes NRA

T24S, R13W, S29, S32

Add more trails and ponds to the Horsfall Wetlands Enhancement project by supplementing the current Environmental Assessment.

Scoping: March 1999

Decision: May 1999

Implementation: Not yet determined.

Contact: Bill Wall, 271-6042

Siltcoos Overflow Wetland Restoration

Oregon Dunes NRA

T12S, R12W; S32

Wetland habitat enhancement.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: April 1999

Implementation: Summer 1999

Contact: Bill Wall, 271-6042

Big Blue Project - Cape Creek Instream Structures

Waldport Ranger District

T16,17S, R11,12W

Place conifer logs in a 1.5-mile section of Cape Creek.

Scoping: Done

Decision: May 1996 (EA)

Implementation: Summer/Fall 2000

Contact: Bruce Buckley, 563-3211

Drift Home Project - Stream Complexity Enhancement

Waldport Ranger District

T12S, R9W

Place large wood in Gopher Creek and Upper Drift Creek to enhance stream complexity and benefit fish habitat.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: DN, December 31, 1997

Implementation: Summer 2000

Contact: Jack Sleeper, 563-3211

Five Rivers Project EIS- Fish Habitat Enhancement

Waldport Ranger District

Five Rivers Watershed

T15S, R10-11W

Place large wood in streams within the Five Rivers watershed to enhance fish habitat.

Scoping: Ongoing

Decision: 1999

Implementation: Begin 1999

Contact: Jack Sleeper or Paul Thomas, 563-3211

Chinquapin Point Yellow Star Thistle Control

Waldport Ranger District

T12S, R8W, S9

Eradication of a one-acre yellow star thistle population using chemical methods.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Spring 1999

Implementation: Summer 1999

Contact: Dan Segotta, 902-6981

FISH & WILDLIFE

Five Rivers Project EIS - Meadow Creation and Mature Tree Snag Creation

*Waldport Ranger District
Five Rivers Watershed*

T15S, R10-11W

Create meadows (2-10 acres in size) outside riparian reserves in existing plantations. Meadows will be maintained as early seral stage habitat. Accelerate development of snags within mature stands within LSR habitat.

Scoping: Ongoing

Decision: 1999

Implementation: Begin 1999

Contact: Paul Thomas, 563-3211

Flood Restoration/Misc. Vegetation Management

Waldport Ranger District

Tenmile and Meadow Fork Creek watersheds

Meadow maintenance including removal of encroaching woody vegetation and small conifer, and control of the spread of noxious weeds in the former Diamond B tract through tree planting, hand pulling and cutting. Meadow maintenance next to Meadow Fork Creek including control of the spread of noxious weeds.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: EA, April 1998

Implementation: Completed

Contact: Bruce Buckley, 563-3211

Snag Creation

Waldport Ranger District

T16S, T17S, R11W, R12W

Approximately 1800 snags will be created within managed stands that were commercially thinned via the Blue Bird and Whirly Bird thinning sales. Tree topping and/or inoculation methods will be used.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Big Blue Project EA, 1996

Implementation: Begin 1999

Contact: Eric Stolsig, 563-3211

Lincoln Cooperative Fish Passage Restoration

Private Lands - Wyden Funding

T15S, R9W, S6, SE1/4

Culvert Replacement in the Five Rivers Subwatershed.

Scoping: Ongoing

Decision: Spring 1999

Implementation: 1999-2000

Contact: Karen Bennett, 750-7101

West Creek Restoration

Private Lands - Wyden Funding

T3S, R9W, S30

Fencing, off-stream watering and riparian planting in the West Creek subwatershed.

Scoping: Ongoing

Decision: Spring 1999

Implementation: 1999-2000

Contact: Karen Bennett, 750-7101

North Fork Siuslaw Bioengineering Demonstration Project

Private Lands - Wyden Funding

T17S, R10W, S19, SW1/4

Instream habitat enhancement and erosion control in the Deadwood Creek subwatershed.

Scoping: Ongoing

Decision: Spring 1999

Implementation: 1999-2000

Contact: Karen Bennett, 750-7101

Deadwood Creek Powerline Relocation Demonstration Project

Private Lands - Wyden Funding

T16S, R8W, S26, NW1/4

Bury powerlines and re-establish riparian vegetation in the Deadwood Creek subwatershed.

Scoping: Ongoing

Decision: Spring 1999

Implementation: 1999-2000

Contact: Karen Bennett, 750-7101

West Fork Deadwood Enhancement

Private Lands - Wyden Funding

T16S, R9W, S26, NW1/4

Instream habitat enhancement and erosion control in the Deadwood Creek subwatershed.

Scoping: Ongoing

Decision: Spring 1999

Implementation: 1999-2000

Contact: Karen Bennett, 750-7101

N. Fork Siuslaw Estuary Tide Channel Restoration

Private Lands - Wyden Funding

T18S, R13W, S24, NE1/4

Dike removal to reconnect tidal channels to Siuslaw estuary.

Scoping: Ongoing

Decision: Spring 1999

Implementation: 1999-2000

Contact: Karen Bennett, 750-7101



Ten Stream Restoration Designs

Private Lands - Wyden Funding

Various locations in the Alsea river watershed

Develop designs for ten low-cost instream restoration projects.

Scoping: Ongoing

Decision: Spring 1999

Implementation: 1999-2000

Contact: Karen Bennett, 750-7101

Scholfield/Stewart Project

Private Lands - Wyden Funding

T22S, R12W, S18, SE1/4

Construct two cattle bridges to reduce streambank erosion.

Scoping: Ongoing

Decision: Spring 1999

Implementation: 1999-2000

Contact: Karen Bennett, 750-7101

LAND EXCHANGE

Coos County/Federal Land Exchange

Various lands belonging to Coos Co., Forest Service and BLM

Siuslaw NF will receive 230 acres in exchange for BLM lands in Coos Co.

Project Discontinued

Grand Ronde Tribe/USFS Land Exchange (Phase II)

Hebo Ranger District

T5S, R9W, S25

Land exchange involving Tribal land for USFS land. Forest Service will exchange 68 acres of Federal land located on Hebo RD for land of equal value located in ODNRA currently owned by Douglas County.

Scoping: Ongoing (inactive)

Decision: Not yet determined

Implementation: Not yet determined

Contact: Bob Schulz, 750-7171

Boise Cascade/ Lincoln City Parks and Recreation/USFS Land Exchange

Hebo Ranger District

T6S, R11W, S26

A three party land exchange involving Boise Cascade Corp., Lincoln City and USFS. Lincoln City will exchange a 60 acre parcel within Cascade Head Research Area with Boise Cascade. BC will exchange with USFS for federal lands of equal value.

Scoping: Ongoing

Decision: Not yet determined

Implementation: Not yet determined

Contact: Bob Schulz, 750-7171

Port of Tillamook Land Exchange

Hebo Ranger District

T2S, R10W, S5

Port of Tillamook buying privately owned land of equal value to trade for 5.0 acres USFS land with scale shack west of Tillamook Blimp Base.

Scoping: Ongoing

Decision: Not yet determined

Implementation: Not yet determined

Contact: Mike Schwartz, 750-7175

Robinson Small Tracts Act (STA)

Mapleton Ranger District

T16S, R9W, S14, S23

STA which may include interchange of lands to clear up innocent encroachment of house, garage and orchard.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Completed

Implementation: Summer 1999

Contact: Mike Schwartz, 750-7175

Millard Small Tracts Act (STA)

Waldport Ranger District

T14S, R12W, S11

Action results from relocation of forest road 1046-000. STA to exchange abandoned road Right of Way for easement over new location.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Spring 1999

Implementation: Summer 1999

Contact: Robert Schulz, 750-7171; or Mike Schwartz, 750-7175

SPECIAL USE PERMITS

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) Access SUP

Forest-wide

BPA will be granted road access and use permits to support BPA towers and transmission lines.

Scoping: Ongoing

Decision: Not yet determined

Implementation: Not yet determined

Contact: Mauricio Ribera, 750-7140

Simpson Road Haul Request

Hebo Ranger District

Use of Forest roads 17, 1701, 1782, 1782-122

For timber hauling from private lands.

Scoping: Ongoing

Decision: Completed

Implementation: Completed

Contact: Nancy Craft, 503-392-3161

Miscellaneous Special Use Permits

Mapleton Ranger District

District-wide

Water systems, roads, transmission lines, road easements, minerals, commercial haul, and tailholds.

Scoping: Ongoing

Decision: Ongoing

Implementation: Ongoing

Contact: Mark Buehrig, 902-6970

Sheep Ranch Timber Sale Tailholds, Olympic Resources

Mapleton Ranger District

T18S, R9W, S27

Use existing roads, construct 150-foot new road, and use 10-11 trees for tailholds.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Spring 1999

Implementation: Fall 1999

Contact: Mark Buehrig, 902-6970

RECREATION

Indian Creek Private Harvest Operations

Mapleton Ranger District

T16S, R10W, S11

Reopen old road and construct 250 feet of new road for log haul.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Spring 1999

Implementation: Summer 1999

Contact: Mark Buehrig, 902-6970

Beaver Creek Road Haul

Mapleton Ranger District

T18-19S, R10W

Haul logs on USFS road 48831.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Spring 1999

Implementation: 1999

Contact: Mark Buehrig, 902-6970

Buck Creek Outfitter Guide

Mapleton Ranger District

T15S, R8W, S33; T16S, R8W, S4,5

Construct and use trail through Douglas-fir old-growth area for eco-tourism.

Scoping: Spring 1999

Decision: Spring 1999

Implementation: Summer 1999

Contact: Mark Buehrig, 902-6970

Ion Bridge Reconstruction and Water Use Permit

Mapleton Ranger District

T16S, R10W, S29

Construct bridge over the upper North Fork Siuslaw River.

Scoping: Spring 1999

Decision: Spring 1999

Implementation: Summer 1999

Contact: Mark Buehrig, 902-6970

Coos Bay/North Bend Water Board

Oregon Dunes NRA

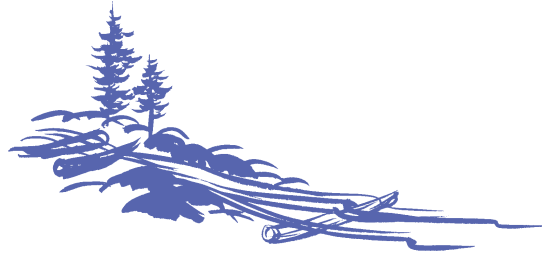
T23,24S, R13W

Water diversion on Tenmile Creek, pipeline through the ODNRA, and expansion of existing well heads in the Dunes aquifer have been identified as an alternative source of water for the cities of Coos Bay and North Bend. US Army Corps of Engineers is lead agency for the EIS on the project.

Scoping: Done, FEIS March 1999

Decision: June 1999

Contact: Ed Becker, 271-6001



Miscellaneous Special Use Permits

*Waldport Ranger District
District-wide*

Water systems, roads, transmission lines, road easements, commercial haul, tailholds, concessions and minerals.

Scoping: Ongoing

Decision: Ongoing

Implementation: Ongoing

Contact: Linda Montanez, 563-3211

Consumers Power, Inc. SUP *Waldport Ranger District*

T13S, R7W, S 2, 3; T14S, R9W, S14, 23; T12S, R7W, S20, 21, 28, 29
Reroute underground powerline and replace power poles along Hwy 34, Benton County.

Scoping: Ongoing

Decision: 1998

Implementation: 1999

Contact: Linda Montanez or Paul Thomas, 563-3211

R.D. Gates Access SUP

Waldport Ranger District

T12S, R9W, S11

R. D. Gates Timber Company is applying for an SUP to build 1600' of road to access private timber lands for timber management activities.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Summer 1999

Implementation: Fall 1999

Contact: Paul Thomas, 563-3211

Reedy Creek Municipal Water System Repair SUP

Waldport Ranger District

T14S, R11W, S31

The City of Yachats is applying for a SUP to repair this portion of their water system damaged by a debris slide in December 1998.

Scoping: Ongoing

Decision: 1999

Implementation: 1999

Contact: Paul Thomas, 563-3211

RECREATION

Hebo Horse Camp and Trails

Hebo Ranger District

T4S, R9W

Construct horse camp and numerous loop trails connecting to camp. Trails will include existing trails, obliterated and abandoned roads and new construction.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Summer 1999

Implementation: Fall 1999

Contact: Don Gonzalez, 392-3161

Drift Creek Trailhead Parking Lot Expansion

Hebo Ranger District

T7S, R10W, S25

Expand existing parking lot by 1/4 acre.

Scoping: Winter 1999

Decision: Summer 1999

Implementation: Fall 2000

Contact: Bill Pigott, 503-392-3161

Sand Dunes East

Mapleton Ranger District

T17S, R12W, S35; T18S, R12W, S2
OHV Management and Access Plan.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Summer 1999

Implementation: Summer 1999

Contact: Mark Buehrig, 268-4473

Bluebill Trail Reconstruction

Oregon Dunes NRA

T24S, R13W, S32, S33

Reconstruct and partially relocate Bluebill trail, including structures.

Scoping: June 1999

Decision: September 1999

Implementation: Not yet determined.

Contact: Dave Braley, 271-6060

Siuslaw Vista Trail

Oregon Dunes NRA

T18S, R12W, S33, S34

Constructs trail from overlook into dunes.

Scoping: April 1999

Decision: May 1999

Implementation: Summer 1999

Contact: Dave Braley, 271-6060

Butterfield Lake

Oregon Dunes NRA

T24S, R13W, S3

Master plan and site plans for road and trail access.

Scoping: March 1999

Decision: Not yet determined

Implementation: Not yet determined

Contact: Dave Braley, 271-6060

Driftwood Facilities

Oregon Dunes NRA

T19S, R12W, S32

Construct day use and camping facilities including restrooms.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Completed

Implementation: Ongoing

Contact: Dave Braley, 271-6060

Dunes Overlook Visual Restoration

Oregon Dunes NRA

T20S, R12W, S17

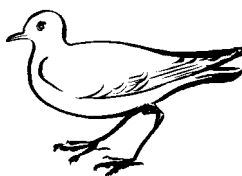
Restore open dune area west of Oregon Dunes overlook.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Completed

Implementation: Ongoing

Contact: Dave Braley, 271-6060



Foredune Prescribed Burn

Oregon Dunes NRA

Reduce fuel loading and retard woody plant encroachment with prescribed burning on selected foredune and deflation plain segments.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Completed

Implementation: Summer 1999

Contact: Dave Braley, 271-6060

Siltcoos-Goose Pasture Vegetation Management

Oregon Dunes NRA

T19S, R12W

Control of non-native vegetation to restore sand dunes.

Scoping: September 1999

Decision: Not yet determined

Implementation: Not yet determined

Contact: Dave Braley, 271-6060

Horsfall Day Use Area/Transportation

Oregon Dunes NRA

T24S, R13W; S28,29,32,33

Improve integration of day use and transportation systems by development of day use areas and sand road.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Completed

Implementation: Not yet determined

Contact: Dave Braley, 271-6060

Lagoon Restoration

Oregon Dunes NRA

T19S, R12W, S33

Treat unwanted non-native vegetation by chemical methods and restore to natural conditions.

Scoping: Ongoing

Decision: Not yet determined

Implementation: Not yet determined

Contact: Bill Wall, 271-6042

RECREATION

Hall-Schuttpelz Lake

Oregon Dunes NRA

T23S, R13W, S1

Develop trailhead and day use site; reconstruct trails.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: June 1999

Implementation: January 2000

Contact: Dave Braley, 271-6060

Umpqua Beach #2

Accessibility

Oregon Dunes NRA

T22S, R13W, S23

Construct short accessible trail from parking lot to ocean viewpoint.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Completed

Implementation: June 1999

Contact: Dave Braley, 271-6060

Tahkenitch Campground Reconstruction

Oregon Dunes NRA

T20S, R12W, S22

Reconstruct campground water and roads. Expand Trailhead.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Completed

Implementation: Ongoing

Contact: Dave Braley, 271-6060

Bluebill CG Drainfield Improvement

Oregon Dunes NRA

T24S; R13W; S32

Relocates and extends drainfield for Bluebill Campground.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Completed

Implementation: Not yet determined

Contact: Dave Braley, 271-6060

Cape Perpetua Overlook Road Reconstruction, Segment 2

Waldport Ranger District

T15S, R12W, S2,3

Road reconstruction to improve overall safety and maneuverability of recreationists.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Completed

Implementation: Ongoing

Contact: Gina Owens, 563-3211

Cape Perpetua Interpretive Center Entrance Road

Waldport Ranger District

T15S, R12W, S2,3

Reconstruct entrance road to interpretive center. Improve wheelchair accessible parking and improve safe access to parking lot for larger vehicles.

Scoping: Ongoing

Decision: Spring 1999

Implementation: 2000

Contact: Gina Owens, 563-3211

Flood Restoration/Misc. Recreation

Waldport Ranger District

Tenmile Creek Watershed; T15S, R11W, S34, S35; T16S, R11W, S1
Construct a hiking trail approximately 1.8 miles long on a road segment in the recently acquired Diamond B property. The bridge that crosses Tenmile Creek will have abutments reinforced and decking replaced for pedestrian use. A dispersed campsite will be located in the vicinity of the new trail.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: EA, April 1998

Implementation: 1998-2000

Contact: Ken McCall, 750-7141

Devil's Churn Viewing Platform

Waldport Ranger District

T15S, R12W, S3

Construction of a concrete viewing platform above Devil's Churn.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Completed

Implementation: Spring or Fall 1999

Contact: Gina Owens, 563-3211



ROADS

Flood Damage Road Repairs

Forest-wide

Winter storms in February 1996 through winter 1999 damaged roads on the Siuslaw National Forest. Work includes culvert replacements, slope stabilization, debris removal, and geotechnically constructed fills.

Scoping: Ongoing

Decision: Ongoing

Implementation: Ongoing

Contact: Mauricio Ribera, 750-7140

Five Rivers Project EIS - Road Stabilization and Closure Activities

Waldport Ranger District

Five Rivers Watershed

T15S, R10-11W

Stabilize and close non-ATM roads within the project area boundary.

Scoping: Ongoing

Decision: 1999

Implementation: Beginning 2000

Contact: Paul Thomas or Bruce Buckley, 563-3211

Road Obliteration

Hebo Ranger District

Drift Creek Watershed

Culvert and fill removal, sidecast pullback, waterbarring and road closure. Road: 1900 (segments).

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Winter 1999

Implementation: Summer 1999

Contact: Brent Erskine, 392-3161

Misery Ridge Road Obliteration

Mapleton Ranger District

T16S, R9W, S15,16,21

Culvert and fill removal, sidecast pullback, waterbarring and road closure of about 1.25 miles of road 3500-612.

Scoping: Spring 1999

Decision: Summer 1999

Implementation: Summer 1999

Contact: Johan Hogervorst, 902-6956

Big Blue Project--Road Decommissioning

Waldport Ranger District

T16S, R11W, S29,30,31,32,33; T16S, R12W, S35,36

Waterbarring, fill removal and road closure on Road 1059-654 and a section of Road 1059.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: DN, May 10, 1996

Implementation: Summer/Fall 2000

Contact: Bruce Buckley, 563-3211

Flood Restoration/Road Obliteration

Waldport Ranger District

Cummins/Tenmile and Yachats Watersheds

Culvert and fill removal, sidecast pullback, waterbarring and road closure. Roads affected: Segment of road 5491 between roads 5590 and 5491-411, and roads in recently acquired Diamond B property.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: EA, April 1998

Implementation: Summer 1999

Contact: Mike Battles, 563-3211

Drift Home Project: Road Stabilization and Closure

Waldport Ranger District

Drift Creek and Big Elk Watersheds
T12,13S; R9,10W

Provide drainage control, remove fill and culverts from designated stream crossings, remove unstable sidecast material and close roads. These activities are expected to impact 30 miles of roads within the Drift Creek watershed and 10 miles of roads within the Mill, Homestead and Lower Big Elk subbasins of the Big Elk Watershed.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: DN, December 31, 1997

Implementation: Beginning Summer 1998

Contact: Bruce Buckley, 563-3211



FOREST PLAN AMENDMENT

Research Natural Area Establishment

Cummins/Gwynn Creek - Waldport Ranger District

Forest Plan amendment to formally establish Research Natural Area as recommended in the Siuslaw Forest Plan.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: 1999

Implementation: 1999

Contact: Craig Snider, 750-7077

Mina Bird Commercial Thinning EIS

Hebo Ranger District

T4S, R8W
Development of Late-Successional stand characteristics by commercially thinning 400 acres of "off-site" Douglas-fir stands, including 260 acres within the Hebo-Nestucca RARE II roadless area.

Scoping: Ongoing

Decision: Undetermined

Implementation: Undetermined

Contact: Brent Erskine, 503-392-3161

Schooner Sails Commercial Thinning

Hebo Ranger District

T7S, R10W and T4S, R8 & 9W
Harvest of young conifer to reduce stocking levels and promote development of late-successional forest characteristics.

Scoping: Winter 1998

Decision: DN, July 23, 1997

Implementation: Pending

Contact: Brent Erskin, 392-3161

Baxter (Louie) Creek Thinning

Hebo Ranger District

T5S, R9W
Development of late-successional stand characteristics by commercial thinning of approximately 300 acres in 70-80 year old stands.

Scoping: February 1998

Decision: DN, June 28, 1998

Implementation: September 1999

Contact: Brent Erskine, 392-3161

Precommercial Thinning

Hebo Ranger District

District-wide

Maintain growth and vigor by precommercial thinning of 5-15 year old plantations.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Completed

Implementation: Ongoing

Contact: Wayne Patterson, 392-3161

Commercial Thinning - Rock, Erickson and Lower Schooner Subwatersheds (Rotweiler Project)

Hebo Ranger District

T7S, R10W

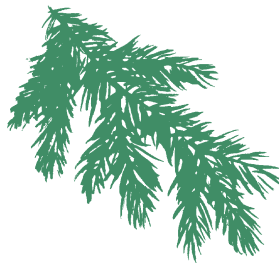
Development of late-successional stand characteristics by commercial thinning in 35-40 year old plantations.

Scoping: October 1998

Decision: April 1999

Implementation: 1999-2002

Contact: Brent Erskine, 392-3161



Deadwood/Taylor Commercial Thinning

Mapleton Ranger District

Deadwood Watershed

T17S, T16S, R9W, R10W

Reduce stocking levels of stands 25-35 years of age by thinning to promote late-successional forest characteristics in LSR and high timber yields on matrix lands.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: DN, May 2, 1998

Implementation: 1999-2001

Contact: Mark Buehrig, 902-6970

Stocking Control

Mapleton Ranger District

District-wide

Maintain growth and vigor by precommercial thinning of 5- to 15-year-old plantations.

Scoping: Summer 1999

Decision: Fall 1999

Implementation: Winter 2000

Contact: Leonard Larson, 902-6951

Roadside Alder Firewood

Mapleton Ranger District

District-wide

Cut alder along designated roads to reduce drying time of roadbed and shoulders during winter and spring months.

Scoping: Winter 1998

Decision: Spring 1999

Implementation: Spring 1999

Contact: Tom Taylor, 902-6974

Green Panther Commercial Thinning

Mapleton Ranger District

T16S, R9W

Reduce stocking levels of stands 25-35 years old by thinning to promote late-successional forest characteristics in LSR and high timber yields on matrix lands.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: 1999

Implementation: Winter 2000

Contact: Don Large, 902-6971

Peach and Fiddle Commercial Thin Timber Sale

Mapleton Ranger District

T20S, R10, 11W

Reduce stocking levels of stands 25-35 years of age by thinning to promote late-successional forest characteristics in LSR.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Winter 1999

Implementation: 2000-2002

Contact: Don Large, 902-6971

Tenmile Creek-Riparian Conifer Management

Waldport Ranger District

T15S; R11,12W

Release approximately 194 acres of conifer from alder competition, including 126 acres planted with conifer seedlings. Fifteen acres of non-commercial thinning of conifer plantation to accelerate late-successional riparian conditions.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: May 1996

Implementation: Partially completed; remainder 1999

Contact: Jack Sleeper, 563-3211

Eichler Thin - Commercial Thinning

Mapleton Ranger District

N. Fork Siuslaw Watershed, T17S, R10W

Reduce stocking levels of stands 30-50 years of age by thinning to promote late-successional forest characteristics.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Spring 1999

Implementation: FY 1999

Contact: Don Large, 902-6971

Drift Home Project: Commercial Thinning

Waldport Ranger District

Drift Creek and Big Elk Watersheds
T12,13S; R9,10W

Reduce stocking levels of stands 25-35 years of age to maintain stand health and to promote late-successional forest characteristics of LSR #R0268.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: DN, December 31, 1997

Implementation: Cougar Bear Thin sold 6/98; Big Gopher Thin sell date pending

Contact: Bruce Buckley, 563-3211

Conifer Release 1999

Waldport Ranger District

District-wide

Release of selected conifer seedlings from brush and hardwoods affecting 400 acres.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Completed

Implementation: Spring/Summer 1999

Contact: Ed Obermeyer, 563-3211

Stocking Manipulation 1999

Waldport Ranger District

District-wide

Reduction of stocking in young stands (7-17 yrs. old) to maintain growth and vigor of residual trees. Approx. 479 acres.

Scoping: Spring 1999

Decision: Summer 1999

Implementation: Fall 1999

Contact: Ed Obermeyer, 563-3211

Heli Elk SPC

Waldport Ranger District

T12S, R9W, S25; T25S, R8W, S15,23,24

Helicopter log four units of the Big Elk Project.

Decision: Completed 1996

Implementation: July 1999

Contact: Even Evensen, 750-7184

Five Rivers Project EIS- Commercial Thinning

Waldport Ranger District

Five Rivers Watershed

T15S, R10-11W

Thin and harvest stands 25-35 years of age to reduce stocking levels and promote development of late-successional forest characteristics in LSR and high timber yields on matrix lands.

Scoping: Ongoing

Decision: 1999

Implementation: Beginning 1999

Contact: Paul Thomas or Bruce Buckley, 563-3211

Beaver Ck. Timber Sale

Waldport Ranger District

T13S, R6W, S52

Small sale of timber in the Beaver Creek seed orchard.

Scoping: Ongoing

Decision: Spring 1999

Implementation: Summer 1999

Contact: Even Evensen, 750-7184

Plot SPC Timber Sale

Waldport Ranger District

T9S, R5W, S10

Thin and harvest about 1,000 trees (43 MBF) inside an ongoing Pacific Northwest Research Study area. The study is examining the performance of selected trees to open sun and shade growing conditions.

Scoping: Ongoing

Decision: Spring 1999

Implementation: Summer 1999

Contact: Bob Turner, 750-7102



WATERSHED ANALYSIS

Seventeen watershed analyses have been completed (about 84% of the Forest) including Nestucca Complex, North Fork of Siuslaw, Cummins/Tenmile (coastal stream watersheds between Cape Perpetua and Heceta Head), Yaquina/Big Elk, Mercer/Berry, Oregon Dunes NRA, Indian/Deadwood, Drift Creek-Siletz, Lobster/Five Rivers, Drift Creek (Alsea), Smith River, Yachats, Little Nestucca, Lower Siuslaw, Lower Umpqua, and Sand Lake. The analyses provide a better understanding of the aquatic and terrestrial environments within the watersheds and reveal some management implications for meeting objectives of the Northwest Forest Plan.

The following watershed analyses are being completed or conducted:

Salmon/Neskowin

Hebo Ranger District

*Start: Fall 1998 by contract with
Boateng and Assoc., Mercer Island,
WA.*

Contact: Brent Erskine, 392-3161



Lower Alsea

Waldport Ranger District

Status: Ongoing

Contact: Karen Bennett, 750-7101

Coastal Lakes

Mapleton Ranger District

Status: Completed 1/99

Contact: Pamela Wright, 902-6940

Beaver

Waldport Ranger District

Start: Spring 1999

Contact: Craig Snider, 750-7077